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Mrs. Richard M. Nixon participates in National Park Service ceremony in McLean, Va.

Pat strikes out CIA

McLEAN, Va. (AP)—The Central Intelligence Agency lost its private baseball field yesterday as First Lady Pat Nixon officially turned over 230 acres of federal property nine miles from downtown Washington to the National Park Service for public recreational use.

It was the first step on a five-state across-country trip Mrs. Nixon is making to transfer about 4200 acres of government land, worth \$10.5 million, to public use.

She said it was "heartwarming" to know that the Virginia land, near the Potomac River, will be available for metropolitan Washingtonians to enjoy the beauty of nature. About 600 people turned out for the ceremony.

The CIA has been using the baseball diamond as its private preserve and now will have to share it with the public.

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